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**RE: Docket 24-39-EE – 2025 Annual Energy Efficiency Plan
Response to Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission’s
Data Request 3-5 (Correction)**

Dear Ms. De La Rosa:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy (the “Company”), I have enclosed the Company’s corrected response to the Public Utilities Commission’s data request 3-5 in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (401) 709-3359.

Sincerely,



Steven J. Boyajian

Enclosure

cc: Docket 24-39-EE Service List

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PUC 3-5 (Corrected)

Request:

Please provide a chart showing the annual amount budgeted and actually spent to remediate pre-weatherization barriers related to “Knob & Tube Wiring Sign-Off” and “Knob & Tube Wiring” for each of the last 5 years. Please also include columns showing the number of remediations done each year for both “Knob & Tube Wiring Sign-Off” and “Knob & Tube Wiring” and the average cost per remediation.

Response:

For the EnergyWise Single Family (EW SF) program, the Company provides a \$250 incentive to cover the cost of a licensed electrician to sign off and certify that the knob and tube (K&T) is no longer active/live. Note that this is not funding to remediate K&T, as that would cost significantly more. Please see Table 1 below.

Table 1 - EWSF \$250 Barrier Incentive

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
(1)	Year	\$ Budgeted (Total)	\$ Spent (Actual)	Qty (Actual)	Avg Cost**
(2)	2024 (through Q3)	\$162,500*	\$59,030	243	\$243
(3)	2023	\$155,000	\$66,301	286	\$232
(4)	2022	\$188,700	\$105,579	476	\$222
(5)	2021	\$177,300	\$113,725	537	\$212
(6)	2020	\$161,100	\$30,370	147	\$207

* This value represents the total budget for 2024.

** The average cost here is rounded to the nearest dollar.

The HEAT Loan can be used for a variety of purposes, including towards K&T remediation. The HEAT Loan is budgeted for the entirety of the HEAT Loan; it is not budgeted by sub-use. As such, the Company is unable to provide the amount budgeted for HEAT Loan use for K&T specifically. Table 2 below shows the HEAT Loan amounts spent towards K&T from 2020-2024 (through the third quarter of 2024).

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Table 2 – HEAT Loan Data, 2020-2024, \$ Spent Toward K&T

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(1)	Year	\$ Spent on K&T	# Loans	Avg Cost per K&T Loan
(2)	2024 (through Q3)	\$253,500	23	\$11,022
(3)	2023	\$283,050	28	\$10,109
(4)	2022	\$304,281	23	\$13,230
(5)	2021	\$333,924	30	\$11,131
(6)	2020	\$273,536	31	\$8,824

As referenced in the Company’s response to PUC 3-4, the Income Eligible Single Family (IE SF) program does not specifically track “K&T Wiring Sign-Off” or “K&T Wiring” pre-weatherization barriers or associated remediations. Those are categorizations used by RISE in the EW SF program.

Corrected Response:

This corrected response makes the following three edits to the original response:

1. The written response was updated to reflect that the \$250 EnergyWise Single Family (EW SF) barrier incentive is a general barrier incentive which can be used for several barriers, including knob and tube (K&T). The K&T application of this incentive can be used towards sign-off and/or towards K&T remediation and sign off.
2. Table 1 was updated to reflect the nuance described in subsection (1) above. The table now reflects the two K&T sub-uses broken out.
3. Table 2 was revised to reflect the approved Heat Loan amounts. In the Company’s original response, the Company inadvertently reflected data (amount, quantity, and averages) for the amount of HEAT Loans applied for, and not necessarily approved.

To implement these corrections, the Company’s response to this data request is as follows:

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For the EW SF program, the Company provides a barrier incentive of up to \$250 to cover the cost of some pre-weatherization barriers (PWBs). It can be used for knob and tube (K&T), including to (1) cover the cost for a licensed electrician to sign off and certify that the K&T is no longer active/live; and/or (2) be applied towards K&T remediation that occurred.

The budgeting for this measure is not broken out by sub-use, such as for K&T. Therefore, the Company has provided in column (b) below the total amount budgeted for this \$250 barrier incentive. Please see Table 1 below.

Table 1 - EWSF \$250 Barrier Incentive

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
(1)	\$250 Barrier Total	K&T Sign Off			K&T			
(2)	\$ Budgeted (Total)	Total Cost	Qty	Avg Cost **	Total Cost	Qty	Avg Cost **	
(3)	2024 (through Q3)	\$162,500*	\$117,250	469	\$250	\$60,750	243	\$250
(4)	2023	\$155,000	\$132,150	535	\$247	\$71,250	285	\$250
(5)	2022	\$188,700	\$95,750	471	\$203	\$119,250	477	\$250
(6)	2021	\$177,300	\$69,100	345	\$200	\$134,750	540	\$250
(7)	2020	\$161,100	\$17,800	89	\$200	\$67,500	271	\$249

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Table 2 – HEAT Loan Data, 2020-2024, \$ Spent Toward K&T

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(1)	Year	Total \$ K&T Loan Amount	# K&T Loans
(2)	2024 (through Q3)	\$151,148	16
(3)	2023	\$205,229	29
(4)	2022	\$176,378	25
(5)	2021	\$240,476	32

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(6)	2020	\$222,115	33	\$6,731
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** The average cost is rounded to the nearest dollar.*

As referenced in the Company’s response to PUC 3-4, the Income Eligible Single Family (IE SF) program does not specifically track “K&T Wiring Sign-Off” or “K&T Wiring” pre-weatherization barriers or associated remediations. Those are categorizations used by RISE in the EW SF program.